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TOPIC **Welzow Airfield**

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- 25X1 1. Between 12 and 18 July 1953, the entire Soviet ground personnel from Cottbus airfield were trucked to Welzow. Every day, up to 20 trucks loaded with billeting equipment, ammunition, aircraft parts etc. were repeatedly observed moving to Welzow and returning empty from Welzow. On 15 and 17 July, two military trains from Frankfurt/Oder allegedly arrived in Welzow. It was rumored in Welzow that the field was to be occupied by a fighter school.<sup>1</sup>
- 25X1 2. On 16 July, nine guns with short barrels and 3-sectional protective shields were emplaced on the site in front of the garage south of the main entrance. Eleven trucks were observed next to the guns.
- 25X1 3. [REDACTED] from the train between Drebkau and Petershain that Soviet soldiers stood near a radio installation about 1.5 km east of Petershain, 300 meters south of the railroad line. Next to a radio truck a high mast was held fast by four guy wires.
- 25X1 4. On 13 August, 48 MiG-15s were parked on the eastern edge of the field. Forty of the MiG-15s were definitely counted. There was intensive air activity between 7 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The aircraft practiced flying individually and in formations of up to 6, sliding attacks at the field and firing at towed sleeve targets. One MiG-15 [REDACTED] No special tactical symbols were observed on the aircraft.<sup>3</sup> At 8:30 a.m., a train of 21 cars, including 4 or 5 cars with soldiers and other cars loaded with billeting equipment and other equipment, was being unloaded near the fuel dump. The guns which had been observed on 16 July were still emplaced south of the main entrance.
- 25X1 5. The following radio installations were observed at the field on 24 July: 25X1
  - a. A radio installation with one mast, referred to as F 1, located in the north-eastern extension of the runway; the mast was held fast by four guy wires, [REDACTED] Next to the radio truck was a special vehicle with a cylindrical body about 2 meters high and 1 meter in diameter and covered with a tarpaulin.
  - b. A PKV-45 DF station with a wooden hut in the middle, referred to as F 2.
  - c. A radio installation with one mast, referred to as F 3, located southeast of the railroad bridge in Neu-Petershain. This installation had the same structure as F 1.

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- d. Motorized radar set of type AA No 4 M R 3, referred to as F 4, located on the northern edge of the field.<sup>4</sup>

On 7 August, the radio installations referred to as F 1 and F 2 were still at their previous locations. A rubber cable extended from the KV-45 DF station, referred to as F 2, to a house at the Neupetershain-Welzow railroad line. Just next to the DF station, a radio installation with one single short mast was recently observed. Next to the installation referred to as F 3 near Neupetershain, there was a watchtower, about 8 meters high, with three radio trucks at the side. A rubber cable and a telephone line extended from this radio installation to a farmhouse nearby. Another telephone line led to the northern edge of the field. The motorized radar set, referred to as F 4, was no longer observed.

6. On 7 August, about 30 jet fighters, probably MiG-15s, were observed on the landing field. At about 12:45 p.m., 4 jet fighters landed individually at short intervals. There was a medium degree of cloudiness and a gusty northwesterly wind. Another jet fighter took off at 1:20 p.m. There was no other air activity.
7. Four new apartment houses were under construction in the area north of the athletic fields. Large quantities of construction material and construction machines were stored on a fenced-in site in the vicinity.
8. Two semi-underground temporary buildings, guarded by sentries, were observed in the northwestern corner of the field, about 200 meters northeast of the crossing at the cemetery. Ammunition was probably stored there. The AA gun emplacement in the northwestern corner of the field was no longer occupied. About 15 trucks and 3 x 76-mm AA guns were observed west of the road fork near the old flight control station.

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9. Between 2 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. on 30 July, there was no air activity at the field. About 40 jets were parked at the field.

1. Comment. The Soviet training unit from Cottbus was probably transferred to Welzow airfield.

2. Comment. The type and location of the radio mast indicates that it is the outer low frequency approach beacon.

3. Comment. According to the number of aircraft observed, two fighter regiments are stationed at the field. One of the two regiments, the former Soviet training unit for VPL pilots, arrived from Cottbus. the other 25X1 regiment arrived from Koethen on 12 August 1953.

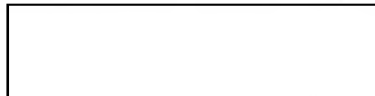
4. Comment. The locations of the radio installations are entered on a sketch. See Annex 1. For location of outer beacon, see sketch 1 of Annex 2. For sketch of special vehicle, see sketch 2 of Annex 2.

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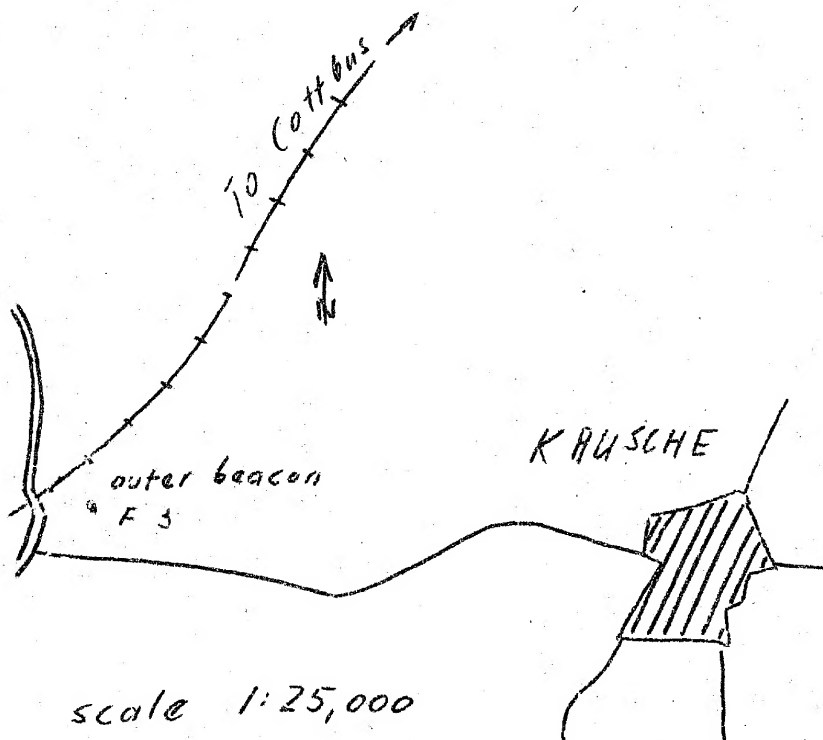
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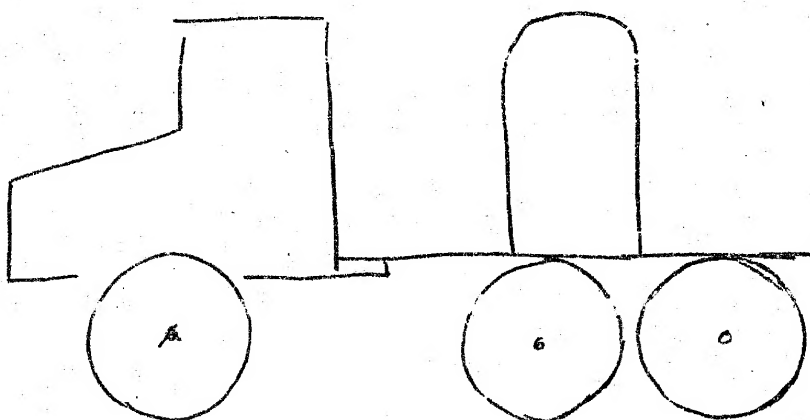
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Location of Outer Beacon Near welzow Airfield



Special Vehicle



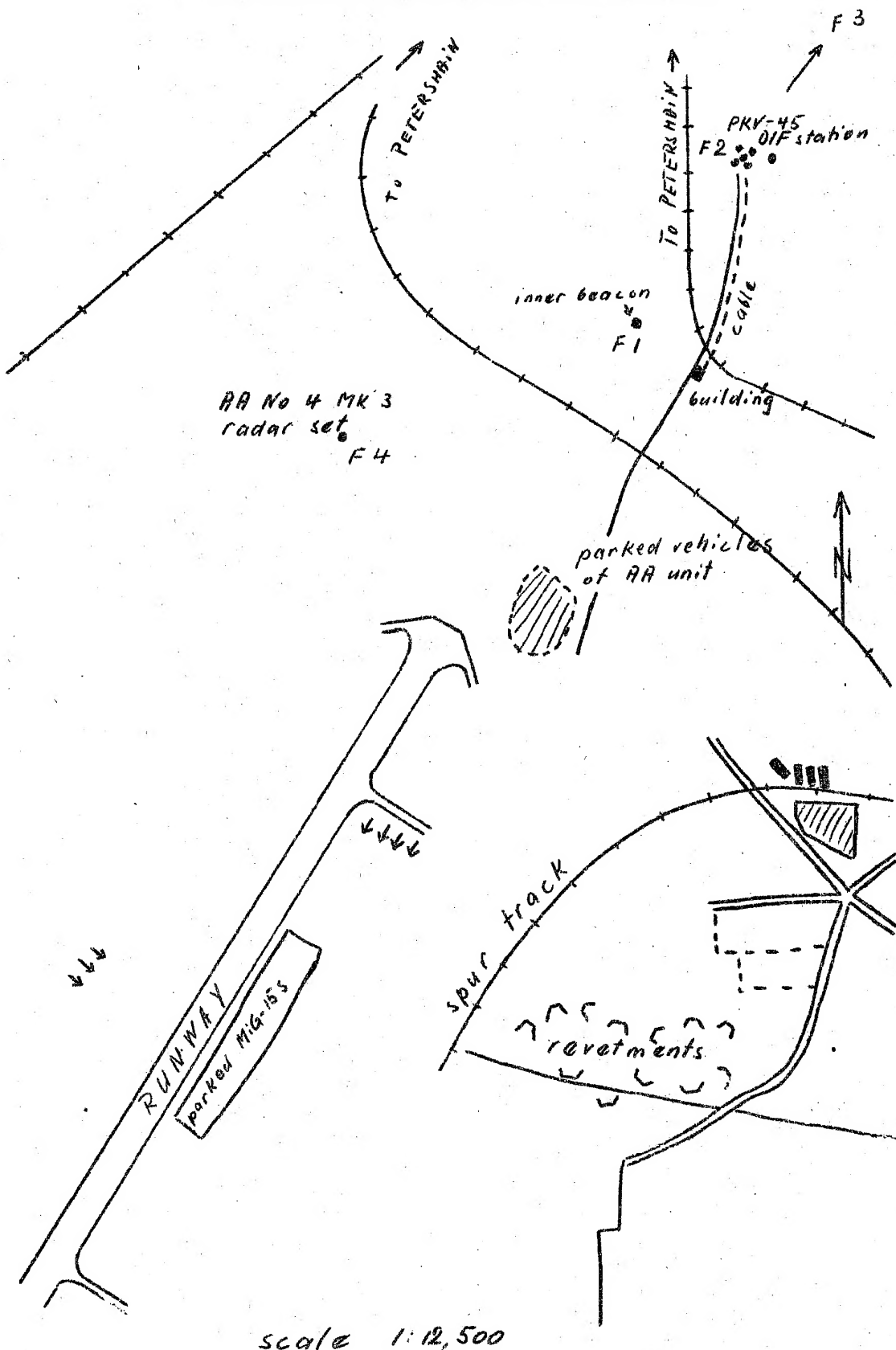
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Radio Installations at Welzow Airfield



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